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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Joshua:

For some time I have been trying to find a moment to tell you how pleased I was to learn of the recognition accorded you and Ed Tatum and George Beadle in the Nobel Award for 1958. It has been a pleasure for about twelve years to watch your progress in research and in academic environments. I have recalled our first interview in New York after Dr. Ryan and Ed Tatum had suggested to the Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund that it might be worthwhile to aid you to take some time off from medical school to work with Ed Tatum. Then I have thought of your change over from medical studies to the academic course and our occasional chats in New Haven and, especially, just before you went to the University of Wisconsin.

All of us who have known you have found pleasure and pride in your development and accomplishments even before the recognition now accorded. This honor seems very appropriate although it has come somewhat earlier than we had dared hoped for. I am sure that the present officers and members of the Boards of the Coffin Childs Fund cannot have more pleasure and pride in one of their early fellows than do ex-officers like Dr. Bayne-Jones and myself.

It has been interesting to me to find continuing contacts through handling grants for support of your research by the National Cancer Institute and it has been a pleasure to see you serve on the Study Sections.

Now that you are going to a new post at Stanford University, I wish you continued success in your work. I shall look forward to seeing you from time to time.

With congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph

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